<u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 19, 2009. Claims 38 to 47 remain in the application, of which Claims 38 and 43 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment accorded Applicant's undersigned representative during the June 17, 2009 telephonic interview. This Amendment has been prepared based on the discussions during that interview. It is noted that, while the interview was conducted prior to issuance of the present Office Action, the claim amendments presented herein were not submitted following that interview since the Examiner indicated that he would need to act on this case quickly and therefore, he would not be able to consider those amendments at that time.

In the Office Action, Claims 38 to 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,890,320 (Monslow) in view of U.S. Patent 6,671,879 (Schlarb) and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,449,355 (Gutman). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

During the interview, Applicant's undersigned representative discussed the invention as follows. The invention relates to a video server providing requested video data to a display terminal based on a request issued from a control terminal. In the invention, the video server communicates with a control terminal (e.g., a wired or wireless phone) via a first transmission path (e.g., a narrow-band communication line) and communicates with a display terminal via a second communication path (e.g.., a broad-band communication line). The server receives a request for video data from the control

terminal, where the request includes video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the control terminal that transmitted the request. The video server then generates first confirmation data (e.g., a character string "Location A, time B") and transmits the generated first confirmation data to the display terminal, which causes the display terminal to display the first confirmation data. A user standing near the display terminal sees the displayed first confirmation data and inputs it into the control terminal. Thus, the user confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, whereby the server receives second confirmation data back from the control terminal that includes second identification data of the control terminal that transmitted the confirmation data back to the server. The video server then compares the first identification data and the second identification data to one another, and also compares the first confirmation data transmitted to the display terminal with the second confirmation data received back from the control terminal to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal. If both comparisons result in a match, then the requested video data designated by the video designation data is transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data. Here, it was pointed out that one feature of the invention that is different from the art relates to the first and second confirmation data and the comparison between the two as well as the comparison between the first and second identification data. To clarify the foregoing, the claims have been amended.

Thus, amended Claim 38 is directed to a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a

plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the server comprising a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request, a generating unit configured to generate first confirmation data based on the received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data, a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the first confirmation data generated by said generating unit to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and to cause the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive second confirmation data from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception unit, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, a comparison unit configured to compare the first identification data received by the first reception unit with the second identification data received by said confirmation data reception unit, and to compare the first confirmation data transmitted by said confirmation data transmission unit with the second confirmation data received by said confirmation data reception unit to confirm that the user has designated the correct display

terminal, and a video data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons by said comparison unit result in a match, wherein if either comparison by the comparison unit does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

Claim 43 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 38.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of amended independent Claims 38 and 43, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a video server that i) generates first confirmation data based on a received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to a display terminal (designated in the received video request) to the first confirmation data, ii) transmits, via a second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the generated first confirmation data to the designated display terminal, and causes the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, iii) receives second confirmation data from a first control terminal which transmitted the received video request, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receives second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, iv) compares first identification data (of the first control terminal) received with the video request with the received second identification data, and compares the first confirmation data with the

second confirmation data to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal, and v) transmits, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons result in a match.

Monslow is seen to disclose a television broadcast system that uses land lines for real-time streaming of videos. A video included in a catalog is selected, along with a preferred viewing time. The requested video is provided over land lines at the requested time to be descrambled for viewing. Monslow is not, however, seen teach that first confirmation data is generated, sent to a designated display terminal, that a user viewing the displayed first confirmation data inputs it into a control terminal, whereby second confirmation data is sent to the server, and the two confirmation datum are compared with one another along with identification data of the control terminal, to determine whether or not to transmit the requested video data. Specifically, Monslow is not seen to teach at least the features of a video server that i) generates first confirmation data based on a received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to a display terminal (designated in the received video request) to the first confirmation data, ii) transmits, via a second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the generated first confirmation data to the designated display terminal, and causes the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, iii) receives second confirmation data from a first control terminal which transmitted the received video request, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receives second identification data of the first

control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, iv) compares first identification data (of the first control terminal) received with the video request with the received second identification data, and compares the first confirmation data with the second confirmation data to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal, and v) transmits, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons result in a match.

Schlarb is merely seen to disclose a pay-per-view (PPV) system in which a single PPV channel is employed for all PPV services. When a subscriber purchases a PPV event, a validation process and a determination of the status of the PPV event are made. Thus, while a validation process may be included in Schlarb, the details of such are vague at best, and Schlarb is not seen to disclose anything that, when combined with Monslow, would have resulted in the features of a video server that i) generates first confirmation data based on a received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to a display terminal (designated in the received video request) to the first confirmation data, ii) transmits, via a second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the generated first confirmation data to the designated display terminal, and causes the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, iii) receives second confirmation data from a first control terminal which transmitted the received video request, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receives second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, iv) compares first

identification data (of the first control terminal) received with the video request with the received second identification data, and compares the first confirmation data with the second confirmation data to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal, and v) transmits, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons result in a match.

Gutman is merely seen to disclose a problem solving system in which a customer interacts with a service employee via telephone or email and a transcript of the interaction is sent to the customer. However, Gutman is not seen to teach anything that, when combined with Monslow and/or Schlarb, would have resulted in at least the features of a video server that i) generates first confirmation data based on a received video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to a display terminal (designated in the received video request) to the first confirmation data, ii) transmits, via a second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the generated first confirmation data to the designated display terminal, and causes the display terminal to display the first confirmation data, iii) receives second confirmation data from a first control terminal which transmitted the received video request, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receives second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, iv) compares first identification data (of the first control terminal) received with the video request with the received second identification data, and compares the first confirmation data with the second confirmation data to confirm that the user has

designated the correct display terminal, and v) transmits, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons result in a match.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Claims 38 to 47 are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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